

## Virginia Beach Friends Meeting Newsletter Eleventh Month 2012

### CURRENT ACTIVITIES

**12/2 – School Teacher Jane Book Award ceremony**

**12/10 JCOC** Time to volunteer to help serve the meal at the Homeless Shelter – with the school children. Contact Tracy Paladini to volunteer 392-1480 [tpaladini@yahoo.com](mailto:tpaladini@yahoo.com)

**12/16 Holiday Pot Luck** at the rise of meeting (12 noon) School faculty and staff are invited!

**12/21 School Winter Concert** - 10:45 am- School ends at noon for the holidays

**12/24 7pm Sing - Christmas Carols** – Come and sing!

**12/24 8 pm to midnight Open Candle light Worship**

**12/21 to 1/6/2013 School Christmas Break**

**1/13/2013 Homecoming**

**1/16 School Closed for Martin Luther King Birthday**

#### WEEKLY

**EACH 1<sup>st</sup> DAY** (Sunday)

\* 10:30-11:30 am, Meeting for Worship  
First Day School- younger children join Meeting during or after Worship

\* 12:00-12:30 pm Silent Peace Vigil - in front of the Meetinghouse

**EACH 4<sup>th</sup> DAY** (Wednesday)

\* 7 pm - Mid-Week Prayer

\* 7:30 pm Worship Sharing - Query: "What is the spiritual vision, the light and life, of our Meeting? Where does Meeting feel led?"

**EACH 6<sup>th</sup> DAY** (Friday) 9 – 9:30 am - Meeting for Worship

All are welcome, with special invitation to School & Meeting Community

**EACH 3<sup>rd</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> days** (Tuesday & Saturday) 7am Catholic Worker

Breakfast on the Streets - (prep begins at 6 am at Sacred Heart Church).

Serve and share a meal with over 100 brothers and sisters left out of the downtown boom, on Armistead St. (behind the HRT building on Monticello).

#### MONTHLY

**1<sup>st</sup> First Days** - 9 am  
Peace & Social Justice Meeting  
Noon- Knitting

**2<sup>nd</sup> First Days** - 8:30 am  
Meeting for Worship with attention to Business

**3<sup>rd</sup> First Days** - 9 am  
First Day School Discussion –  
Pendle Hill Pamphlet, "Leading and Being Led"

**4<sup>th</sup> First Days** - 9 am  
Meeting of Ministry and Oversight

### SAVE THE DATES

**10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> months TBA**

**The River Cleanup Days.** Contact Whit Peace, 613-2828 [whitpeace.river@gmail.com](mailto:whitpeace.river@gmail.com)

**2013 Dates**

JCOC Meeting/School serves the meal at the shelter to feed the homeless. Preparation begins 3-4 pm with meal ready at 6pm. Contact Tracy Paladini to volunteer 392-1480 [tpaladini@yahoo.com](mailto:tpaladini@yahoo.com)

**2/9, 2013**

**Coffee House and silent auction –fund raiser for Steady Footsteps**

**3/8, 2013**

**School Spring Break** – school office is closed

**3/28 to 4/1, 2013**

**School Easter Break** - school office is closed on 3/29 and 4/1

**4/27, 2013**

**Representative Body meeting** – Durham Meeting House, Durham, NC

**5/3, 2013**

**School Golf Tournament** – fund raiser – open to all golfers and non-golfers!!

**6/8, 2013**

**School Graduation**

**7/10 to-14, 2013**

**NCYM-C Wilmington North Carolina** – Location: UNC Wilmington College Campus

**Query #5 to ponder for next month, Work of the meeting: Do we regularly attend our meetings for business, and are they held in a spirit of love, understanding, and forbearance? Do we seek the right course of action in humble submission to the Authority of Truth and in the patient search for a sense of unity under Divine guidance?**

# Virginia Beach Friends Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Eleventh Month 11, 2012

**Meeting opened** in waiting silence with approximately 16 members and attenders present.

## **Head of School Report:**

Development: Annual fund letters are in the mail. Preparatory work is being done for Founders Day. We have contacted two graduates to help form an alum outreach committee.

Maintenance: We are still awaiting the quotes for repairing the Wilson Center. Apart from a few leaks and fallen branches, the school survived Hurricane Sandy fairly well. Unfortunately, our aging Middle School roof requires a new membrane on one section. We are hoping to work in partnership with the Meeting on making our signage more visible.

School Life: Grandparents' Day and Open House were successful, well attended and the performance was great. We had many favorable comments. Despite some drizzle, everyone had an enjoyable night of fun and games and spookiness at our fall festival. Report cards and progress reports have been sent home. Our new on line grading system is definitely working for parents, students and faculty. Our fall sports banquet is this Wednesday in the Wilson Center. Basketball season has begun! T. Danny has been looking into acquiring a second potential bus.

VAIS: The required documents for preparatory reading have been sent to the visiting team. Final preparations are underway for the accreditation team's visit, in early December. At the start of the visit, teachers will present their departments/programs in the form of a mini-fair in the gym on Sunday afternoon.

Addition: The Annual Book Fair is smaller this year, without crafts, and is being held the week of November 12- 16.

## **Treasurer's report to business meeting November, 2012**

### Regular income / expenses

There were no unusual income or expense items. The major remaining expenses this year are the property insurance (estimated at \$1300) and the \$1000 allocation

	October 2012	YTD	2012 Budget
Income	\$3424.28	\$19,285.23	\$27,548
Expenses	\$1732.38	\$21,704.86	\$27,548

to the capital account. Donations remain below the target level, so please make your donation soon if you are waiting for year end. Anyone / any committee expecting to spend money before year end should do it before the last month (by December 1) if possible, so the treasurer can have time to create a suitable year end statement. 2013 budget estimates for each committee should be given to the treasurer as soon as possible as he will be out of the country from December 17-January 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Finance Committee Report**

Budget: The process is moving along. We have yet to hear next year's financial needs projections from M & O, Communications, and Peace & Social Justice.

Investments: We recommend that the Finance Committee continue to oversee how the Rita Wass endowment is invested. Members were asked to consider who to recommend to be responsible for the earnings by the time of our next meeting, and to draft reimbursement guidance for that group. The \$30,000 principal is earning about \$500 per year. Friends Fiduciary Fund: The Committee plans to transfer \$50,000 of the Lippincott gift from the Self-help Credit Union Money Market Fund to Friends Fiduciary Fund.

Next Meeting: Members agreed to meet next on Wednesday (12/5) at 2:30PM in the Meetinghouse library.

**Peace and Social Justice Report:** The committee decided to request the same amount in the budget as we have the past several years at \$200.

Coffeehouse: The committee decided we would like to do another Coffeehouse fundraiser for Steady Footsteps as it was so thoroughly successful and enjoyable last year. We would like to hold it on February 9. We will have poets, singers, dancers, etc. presenting. Downstairs we will have a silent auction also and donations of items or services are requested. We will also provide snacks and hot drinks and donations will be accepted. Virginia has sent a recent email discussing Steady Footsteps, her accomplishments and needs.

Clothing Collection: The committee decided to collect items, such as clothing, again to be donated to local homeless shelters. The clothes need to be recently cleaned and without holes or paint. We discussed collecting canned goods again but decided to seek donations for money, in December, to be donated to a local food bank.

Cash Collection/Donation: The committee decided to try collecting money each month for a different cause – in November we will collect money for Union Mission's Thanksgiving dinners. In December, the money will go to a food

bank. Donations can be given to any P&SJ committee member and the donations will be made at the end of each month to the designated organization.

**Crafting and Gathering:** The committee would like to encourage members and attenders of Meeting to join the crafters among us in knitting or crocheting scarfs, shawls and hats, to be donated to homeless shelters. We would like to gather monthly to work on these items. It has been suggested we meet at 12:30 (after the Peace Vigil) on the first Sunday of each month (the same day as our P&SJ meeting). The time before Meeting each week appears to be taken with various committee meetings already.

**Film Showing:** The committee decided that we are interested in showing another film to the Meeting for discussion and decided to look for a film on homelessness. Bob Smith agreed to look for an appropriate film and will get back to us when he finds some titles. Paula suggested a film, "I Am" which may be considered. The film will be shown in late January (date to be decided once film is chosen).

Meeting approved a \$200 cash donation, the remaining balance of the 2012 budget of the P&SJ Committee, to the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia, in the name of the Meeting.

**School Committee: no report.**

**Ministers, Elders and Overseers Report:** M & O sponsored a very successful Representative Body Meeting of NCYM -C hosted by our monthly Meeting on 10/27. Approximately 30-35 persons attended, about equally divided between our Meeting members and guests from other monthly meetings. We had a fine breakfast and lunch organized by Pat Phelan Young and Nancy Nixon, a meaningful Ministry and Oversight meeting in the morning concerning our responsibility for letting our larger communities know about the character and work of NYYM, a gathered morning Meeting for Worship, and a productive business meeting in the afternoon. Several of our members/attenders contributed food and labor. We received many compliments from our guests. Thanks also to those who graciously hosted overnight visitors. Yearly meeting will be considering revising our Faith and Practice discipline in the upcoming year, and M & O will welcome any suggestions from our membership. VB Meeting member Dave French will represent VBFM in this exercise.

**Building and Grounds Report:** Budget request for next year has been developed. As the liaison to VBF School's B&G Committee and in accordance with suggestions from the Virginia Association of Independent Schools (VAIS) accreditation committee, tree trimming and limb removal near our joint front entrance is being considered. The furnace of the Meeting House stopped working recently and is under repair. A long range plan of capital expenses is under development. When the plan is finalized the full plan and amounts will be brought to Meeting.

**Young Friends First day School Report:** No report, but all were invited to a play at rise of meeting, "The Good Samaritan."

**New Business:**

A Meeting member expressed concern about the process used by Nominating Committee in 2012, and said that annual contact with Meeting members about service to the Meeting should be by a formal phone call or face to face formal communication.

Several members expressed a concern about our governance; all ideas for our direction seem to come from the committee level. Do we need a strategic plan for our Meeting? Meeting members are invited to consider this in prayer.

**Meeting closed with a period of silence.**

Judith Stevens, Clerk      Patricia Swan, Recording Clerk

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**Query # 4:** *Do we assume our rightful share in the expenses of our Meeting? Do we regard our time, our talents, and our possessions as given to us in trust, and do we use them freely for the needs of others?*

**Response:** *Our members are led to support our meeting with our financial gifts, and we pass these along freely. We marvel as we see our Meeting serving as a conduit for both members and attenders to share their many talents within our group and with the larger community, year after year. Perhaps most dear to us and most precious, our members and attenders come to Meeting with tender and open hearts to share their spirits. That free sharing, that generosity, is what creates the soul of this gathering and maintains its essence over time.*

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**A Note from the School:** *The school gathers dry goods and cans (any non-perishable foods) for "Spirit Rising" – a small non-profit supporting the Mattaponi Indians who live on a reservation in Virginia. Anyone wishing to make a contribution may leave items at the school, or in the lobby of the meetinghouse. Items will be picked up by the school.*

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**Newsletter Notes: The Deadline for the newsletter is the day of our monthly Business session.**

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